GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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COMPENSATION FOR LOSS DAMAGE TO AIR PASSENGERS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of passengers injured/ died on board or at the airport in the last four years;

(b) the details of the circumstances leading to these incidents;

(c) the compensation paid to the passengers relatives during the said period;

(d) the details of the medical facilities are being provided at all the airports;

(e) whether the medical facilities in India are at par with the international standards;

(f) if so, the details and if not, the reasons therefore;and

(g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide adequate medical care compensation at par with the International standards?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) to (g):- Death due to natural causes does not come under the definition of aircraft accident and hence Directorate General of Civil Aviation(DGCA) does not maintain statistics/data of the same.However,DGCA has issued directions to all airlines operating long haul flights to provide necessary medical advice to their passengers to avoid instances of deep-vein thrombosis,which is identified as possible cause of sudden discomfort in long haul flights. All airlines operating long haul have confirmed introducing necessary medical advice suggesting light exercise to passengers during in-flight passenger briefing.International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) has not prescribed any standards for availability of the medical facility at the airport.Medical facility for first aid is available at all airports. For further treatment,if required,passengers are shifted to the nearby hospitals including civil hospitals.